

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Apparatus for forming wide paint film parts includes a frame; and, attached to the frame, at least two paint film stock grasping members, which generally oppose one another, which can grasp deformable paint film stock, at least one of which can be moved apart from the other while the stock is grasped. The frame may have lateral support members in a rectangular or square arrangement, and the grasping members may include orthogonal, oblique and corner types. The apparatus can be electrically controlled and/or pneumatically actuated. Wide paint film parts may be formed by providing the apparatus; providing a deformable paint film stock; grasping the stock on generally opposing sides by at least two paint film stock grasping members; and, moving, while the stock is so grasped, the at least one of the two paint film stock grasping members apart from the other so as to draw or stretch the stock. A drawn or stretched paint film stock part precursor or a formed wide paint film stock part can result.